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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1552

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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM VIETNAM WEEK

REF: STOCKHOLM 1395

1. SWEDEN "VIETNAM WEEK" APRIL 1-6 WAS AS BIG A DIS-
APPOINTMENT TO ITS ORGANIZAERS AS THE LACKLUSTRE
STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH
ORGANIZERS, UNITED FNL, CLAIM TO HAVE HAD MEETINGS AT
61 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT SWEDEN DURING WEEK
ATTENDED BY OVER 6000, IT IS APPARENT CLAIMS WERE
WILDLY EXAGGERATED. VIRTUALLY ONLY EVENT NOTICED BY
MEDIA WAS SATURDAY, APRIL 6, DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN
STOCKHOLM WHICH DREW ABOUT 1500 ACCORDING TO POLICE ON
NICEST AND BALMIEST APRIL SATURDAY ANYONE CAN REMEMBER.
EVENT GOT SMALL BACK-PAGE ARTICLES IN TWO NEWSPAPERS.
CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING WAS ANY ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE AT
AMERICAN EMBASSY OR EVEN PRESENT PETITION TO EMBASSY.

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ONLY CONNECTION OF GOS TO WEEK WE HAVE NOTED WAS RECEP-

TION BY FORNMIN ANDERSSON ON MONDAY OF GVN "MINISTER OF HEALTH" MADAME DUONG DUYNH HOA. ANDERSSON RELEASED CAUTIOUSLY WORDED ACCOUNT OF MEETING WHICH DID NOT MENTION RECOGNITION OF PRG OR VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: VIETNAM ISSUE DOES NOT NOW AROUSE AS MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN SWEDEN AS "SAVE THE ANIMALS" CAMPAIGN, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL A RESIDUE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CAN BE TURNED OUT IN HANOI'S INTERESTS. HOWEVER, VISIT OF PHAM VAN DONG, NORTH VIETNAM PREMIER, WHO IS A POPULAR HERO HERE, IS A DIFFERENT MATTER. HIS APRIL 9 ARRIVAL WAS GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY, AND GOS GAVE HIM ROYAL WELCOME. WILL SEND SEPTTEL ON DONG VISIT. HIRABAYASHI

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